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TAKE NOTE

Clinic two-day open house

David Grant U.S. Air Force Medical Center will be hosting an open house at the McClellan Satellite Clinic Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is an opportunity to meet the staff, ask questions, and take advantage of a convenient, quick way to enroll in Tricare Prime for either of the two recently opened satellite clinics at McClellan or the Veterans Affairs facility at Mather.

Special Olympics ceremony today

The base will host a Special Olympics kickoff ceremony today, 10 a.m., at the McClellan Community Center. Robert Avalos, Northern California Regional Development director; athletes, parents, and coaches will share their experiences. McClellan members are encouraged to come out and support these spectacular athletes and this life-changing event.

Those interested in volunteering can call Capt. Jay Galbreath at 643-0077, or e-mail at Jarrard.Galbreath@mcclellan.af.mil.

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"Completing the mission of McClellan Air Force Base with professionalism and honor"

Change of leadership

Gen. George T. Babbitt, commander of the Air Force Materiel Command, congratulates Jim Barone, Monday, on his new position as Sacramento Air Logistics Center director, while Command Chief Master Sgt. Len Czepiel carries the SM-ALC guidon.



U.S. Air Force photo by Henry Walker

Creek Week clean up kicks off Saturday

By Jennifer Vargas
Staff Writer

Base members are invited to slip on their work boots, gloves and tattered jeans and come out to clean local waterways during the annual creek week clean up celebration Saturday.

The clean up is designed to bring together members of the community and make the creeks more environmentally friendly, according to Merianne Briggs, Sacramento Air Logistics Center, environmental management office.

In past years, McClellan members have volunteered hundreds of hours cleaning everything from wheelchairs and golf clubs to toys and shopping carts out of the streams.

"Creek Week is a venue for educating the public on the value of urban creeks," said Traci Bjers of Radian International.

Volunteers will clean creeks of trash and debris in the morning and are invited to attend a celebration at the Discovery Museum

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

■ Volunteers for Saturday's Creek Week clean up can call 454-4544 for more information.

Learning Center, located on Auburn Boulevard, according to Bjers.

The noon celebration includes a free picnic, contests, live music and interactive displays.

"Last year's celebration was a blast," said Briggs. "We had an 'art' contest where teams designed sculptures out of the garbage and debris collected from the creeks – the base team took first place."

All volunteers will receive a free event T-shirt compliments of the day's sponsors including the Department of Fish and Game and the Water Resources Board.

For more information, call the Sacramento Urban Creek Council at 454-4544.

Command's four star reflects on final assignment

By Gen. George T. Babbitt
Air Force Materiel Command
commander

As April 20 approaches and I prepare to relinquish command and retire from the Air Force, I want to say thank you to the men and women, officer, enlisted and civilian, who have made it your mission to be the materiel foundation of aerospace power. I cannot imagine any better way to have closed out my Air Force career than leading a command composed of so many conscientious people, so much talent and intellect, so many winning attitudes, and such widely diversified expertise.

Nowhere was the collective excellence of Air Force Materiel Command's people more evident than during the Kosovo air campaign. At that time, we also had undertaken the massive transfer of work from the depots at San Antonio and Sacramento, which are slated for closure. Also at that time, we were working hard to reduce back orders of spare parts, and did in fact trim those in 1999 by a little more than 35 percent. I'm not pointing this out to toot my own horn; large organizations don't succeed just because a certain person happens to be in charge. They succeed because of people who strive to do a good day's work for their paychecks, or because people believe the work they're doing has value, or because people see how their efforts contribute to accomplishing an important mission. It occurs to me that the Air Force's core values sum it up nicely. AFMC, and the Sacramento Air Logistics Center, have succeeded because most of our people value integrity,

excellence in all we do, and service before self.

At the February meeting of the Air Force's senior leadership, Corona South, several people had praise for AFMC's accomplishments, including Secretary of the Air Force Whit Peters; Gen. John Jumper, commander of U.S. Air Forces Europe during the Kosovo operations and now commander of Air Combat Command; and Gen. Charles Robertson, commander of U.S. Transportation Command and Air Mobility Command. Robertson is a tough customer, which in my mind, is a good customer, and he also noted areas for improvement.

That is fundamental to large organizations too: no shortage of areas for improvement ever exists. I think AFMC succeeds because most of us look within our own limited circles of influence (and all such circles *are* limited), and set about fixing or improving what we can.

In my own case, what I saw was that management and decision-making could become vastly more effective by applying sound business practices to conducting AFMC's mission. Instead of allowing a budget to drive management decisions, I wanted to find out what it actually costs to provide the products and services that define the AFMC mission. The true costs



Gen. George T. Babbitt

of the command's output became the basis for making decisions about strategic planning, about relative values of goods and services, and about how we commit resources to producing them.

Not everybody has been a fan of this approach, and that's typical of all changes. I'm reminded of a former AFMC commander who was heard to remark that this was the only organization he had ever been assigned to where an order was considered an invitation to debate. Some people, both in the command and outside it, still argue that a military organization cannot, or at least should not try to, function like a business. But I think it is short-sighted not to use the tools that American business has perfected, and which are so powerful. I have been encouraged that whenever I have had the opportunity to articulate that vision directly to people in AFMC, you have embraced it.

My hope is that AFMC continues to employ sound business practices, and to account for the true cost of its output, but that over time the emphasis on the tools and processes of American business will move into the background and become just a normal part of the way AFMC operates. I am happy to report that I see numerous signs of that happening.

As I leave active service, I wish all of you at SM-ALC continued success. I hope you realize how valuable your work is to our nation and find satisfaction in that, because, truly, AFMC is the bedrock on which the world's greatest air and space force is built.

Thank you for making my final command so rewarding.

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Gen. Babbitt relinquishes command in ceremony next week

By Robert Ely

AFMC News Service

Gen. Michael E. Ryan, chief of staff of the Air Force, will accept the guidon of Air Force Materiel Command from Gen. George T. Babbitt in a ceremony April 20 at the U.S. Air Force Museum, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. With that simple passing of the command's organizational flag, Babbitt will relinquish command and be only moments away from closing a 35-year Air Force career. Ryan will pass the guidon to Gen. Lester L. Lyles, until that moment the vice chief of staff of the Air Force and a former AFMC center commander at Hill AFB, Utah, and Los Angeles AFB, Calif.

Babbitt will depart AFMC and the Air Force after nearly three years of guiding the command into new management territory. He brought with him the conviction that the tools and processes perfected by American business would work for managing AFMC as well. Babbitt said, "Every commander should come in and assess where we are right now, then say, 'My job is to figure out what we're going to look like three years from now, and continue the process of change.'"

That process is fundamental to AFMC, Babbitt said. Under his leadership, management of the command was organized around eight distinct business areas. They encompassed the mission of AFMC, from research to acquisition, test and evaluation to depot maintenance. All the functions that support

the mission were part of a business area, as well. Each business area undertook the difficult work of figuring out the cost of its output, business shorthand for the products or services they provided.

This was a vastly different and more complex task than managing to a budget. Instead of asking for the biggest pot of money possible and deciding what to spend it on, he prodded his management team to figure out the cost of the command's output. What does it really cost, he asked, to produce any product or service that is part of, or supports, the AFMC mission? The answer, he believes, is a rock-solid foundation for good management decisions.

Several significant achievements for AFMC since Babbitt assumed command in May 1997 include the following:

A new Policy on Operational Safety, Suitability, and Effectiveness. Affecting AFMC, AQ, the Air Staff, and the combat commands, this newly approved policy formalized the basic engineering discipline necessary during weapon systems' modification. The title of the new policy really explains it. Its intent is to make sure any change to a weapon system would not affect the "operational safety, suitability, and effectiveness" of the system.

The realignment and closure (BRAC) process was challenging. The largest depot workload transfer in history took place during Babbitt's command. Simultaneously, the command supported a major regional air campaign in Europe. When both events hit the

calendar at the same time, it placed enormous pressure on the logistics support system. But AFMC managed to accomplish both successfully.

Supply chain management. A new management regime for spares came into being. Under SCM, senior-level personnel (O-6, GS-15) manage the entire supply chain for their given spares, including pricing policy, pipeline replenishment, and repair decisions. The idea is to make the supply chain manager accountable to the customer for all aspects of the spares he or she manages. To make it possible, Babbitt has encouraged direct support or service agreements between the supply chain managers and the customers they support.

Depot strategy. Babbitt worked closely with Secretary of the Air Force Whit Peters and Ryan to develop a comprehensive depot architecture that isolates repair work critical to national defense interests from repair work that could be competed between public and private operations. The repair work deemed necessary to remain within the capability of government depots is called "Core." All other repair work is called "Plus."

This Core/Plus strategy also allows the Air Force, whenever possible, to employ competition.

The Warner Robins-Air Logistics Center in Georgia is a good example. In the end, Babbitt promoted competition regardless of who won the contract because he believed it to be a smart business practice.



Lt. Col. Dale Nagy introduces Gen. Lester Lyles, vice chief of staff of the Air Force, to the cadets during the annual ROTC Warrior Challenge held at Freedom Park.

Gen. Lester Lyles visits McClellan, cadets

Story and photo by
Tony Schmidt

Public Affairs

Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets from four universities converged on McClellan Air Force Base last Saturday for their annual ROTC Warrior Challenge.

Gen. Lester Lyles, vice chief of staff of the Air Force, was the distinguished visitor and keynote speaker.

"Warrior Challenge is an event organized by cadets, and run by cadets to inspire the warrior spirit,"

said Lt. Col. Dale Nagy, Sacramento State ROTC commander.

Nearly 150 cadets from Fresno State, San Jose State, University of California Berkeley and Sacramento State Universities competed in seven events.

"This was an excellent opportunity for the cadets to showcase their competitive spirit and teamwork abilities," said Capt. Donald Clocksin, Sacramento State University ROTC commandant of cadets.

Fresno state was the overall winner, they also won the Warrior Spirit Award voted on by the cadre of the four universities.

McClellan's tykes put on parade



The McClellan Child Development Center sponsored a parade April 4 in celebration of Month of the Military Child. The parade-goers, escorted by the 77th Security Forces Squadron, made their way from the CDC through base housing. Pictured Clockwise: Brenda Dillard, CDC program assistant, takes youths from the pre-toddler class for a ride in a Bye-Bye-Buggy. Precious Williams, daughter of 2nd Lt. Phelomon Williams, takes the hand of Cheyanne Virtue, daughter of Staff Sgt. Scott and Teresa Virtue. Leandra Weinberg, daughter of Tech. Sgt. Jonathan and Alma Weinberg, and Katelyn Ramirez, daughter of Airman 1st Class Ferdinand and Jocelyn Ramirez, show their parade spirit with a set of pom-poms. The Month of the Military Child celebration continues with carnival, games and face painting Friday, 10 a.m.; Pajama Day, Monday; Spring egg hunt, April 21; Parent luncheon, April 26, 11 a.m. All events take place at the child development center. For more information, call 643-3611.

U.S. Air Force photos by Jim Reeves

Base child development center hosts ice cream social

Staff Sgt. Anthony Schultz helps his 5-year-old daughter Lauren sprinkle toppings on his ice cream during the Month of the Military Child Ice Cream Social held at the child development center April 5. The social is one of the many events taking place to honor the military's youngest "troops."



U.S. Air Force photo by Robin Jackson

NEWS BRIEFS

Car Wash supports memorial

The McClellan chapter of the Noncommissioned Officers Association is scheduled to hold a car wash, Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the credit union parking lot. All proceeds will be donated to the World War II Memorial Foundation. For more information or to volunteer, call Chief Master Sgt. James Sullivan at 643-6808 or e-mail to james.sullivan@mcclellan.af.mil.

McClellan blood drive

A blood drive is scheduled for April 20, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the community center. For more information, call Capt. Mark Weber at 643-5788.

Saturday appointments end

The final day for Saturday clinic appointments will be April 29, according to the 77th Medical Group. The McClellan Clinic will terminate Saturday services due to lack of use. Appointments will be available for all Saturdays in April, and may be scheduled by calling central appointments at 643-7212.

Bicycle helmet safety a must for cyclists

Commentary by Jennifer Vargas
Staff Writer

There I am in the turn lane, waiting for the light to turn green when I see a guy on his bicycle. I'm watching him while half-listening to some obnoxious radio announcer. The bicyclist's helmet is dangling from his handlebars.

I couldn't understand why he wasn't wearing the helmet, and what good it did on his handlebars rather than his head. Did the helmet not look cool enough for his trek down Watt Avenue?

According to Lt. Col. Robin Walmsley, Sacramento Air Logistics Center legal office, if a military member is involved in a bicycle accident off base and isn't wearing a helmet, the Air Force would be under no obligation to pick up the tab for the medical bills.

"When a military member is killed or suf-

fers injuries due to their own misconduct, such as not wearing a bicycle helmet, they may be found not to be in the line of duty," Walmsley explained. "Such a determination results in loss of eligibility for physical disability retirement or separation; lost time that must be made up; and in the case of death, the loss of certain benefits regarding housing or housing allowance to the surviving dependents."

While every case must be evaluated on its own facts, if the injuries or death would not have occurred if the individual was wearing a helmet, there is a good chance that the member will be found not to be in the line of duty, according to Walmsley.

Wearing bicycle helmets on Department of Defense installations is mandatory for everybody, according to command safety officials.

According to Air Education and Train-

ing Command, ground safety division officials, "The goal of the DoD policy, which requires every cyclist to wear an approved helmet, is to enhance the safety of its riders in the traffic environment and to protect its most valuable resource – people."

According to the Bicycle Helmet Safety Institute (www.bhsi.org), in the United States more than 500,000 people receive emergency room treatment for bicycle-related injuries and nearly 900 riders die annually due to bicycle-related injuries – 75 percent of these are head injuries.

Wearing helmets on DoD installations is mandatory, but it just makes plain sense to wear them – on or off base.

Bottom line – bicycle helmets save lives. Sure, they make your head look big and don't exactly look cool, but if your in an accident the medical bills are going to be even bigger and less cool.

Keep family safe, enjoy barbecue season

Barbecue season is here. When the weather gets nice the grills light up all over the base. Enjoy the occasional office barbecue, but remember it is important that fire safety be considered before starting the charcoal.

Here are some basic rules, which must be considered when using a barbecue grill on base.

The first consideration is location, location, location. Never set up a grill in front of an exit or under an overhang of any type, including trees. When using a portable grill, place it in such a way as to ensure the exit path from any building is not blocked. And keeping the grill away from overhangs reduces the possibility of the fire getting out of control and extending to combustible materials.

Second, provide a means of extinguishing the fire, if necessary. The fire department recommends a bucket of water or water hose with a nozzle. If that cannot be provided, a water-type fire extinguisher is acceptable, but ensure an extinguisher of some kind is available at all times.

Next, the charcoal and fuel used must be stored properly and disposed of carefully. Do not store charcoal or lighter fluid inside any facility at any time and used charcoal may not be thrown into any trash can or dumpster on base, regardless of how cold

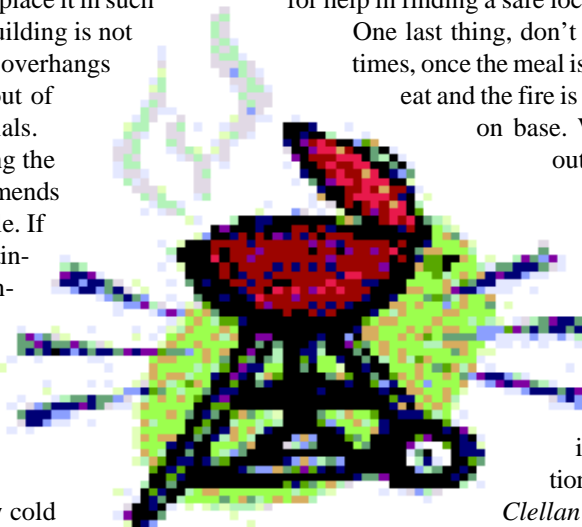
the coals are. It is a little-known fact that charcoal, which has been wet and allowed to dry, presents a significant fire risk, and in fact has been responsible for fires on base in the past. The fire department suggests bringing an empty metal can to hold used charcoal in or leave it in the grill with the lid on.

Speaking of grills, it is forbidden to store them inside buildings on base. If they must be kept on base, store them in a safe location, outside, with a tight fitting lid. Contact the fire inspector at 643-5627 for help in finding a safe location.

One last thing, don't leave the fire unattended. Too many times, once the meal is prepared, everyone leaves the area to eat and the fire is allowed to burn. This is not permitted on base. When finished cooking, put the fire out by drenching it with water from a bucket or other container, not a fire extinguisher.

Enjoy the summer, and have a great time cooking out. Please remember to observe the rules so that everyone can enjoy a fire-safe workplace.

The base Fire Prevention Office is available to help. For more information, call 643-5627. (Submitted by the McClellan Fire Department)



FOCUS CENTER

This section contains some of the job announcements available at the McClellan Air Force Base FOCUS Center. For additional information, contact the FOCUS Center, Bldg. 9, at 643-5661. The center is open until 7 p.m. Thursdays.

Note: Copies of the vacancy announcements are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact the agency for KSAs and/or additional information.

Position: Electronic Industrial Controls Mechanic, WG-2606-11

ANNC#: VA-13-00

Close: April 21

Location: San Francisco, CA

Agency: US Mint

POC: Andrea Bruce (415) 575- 7844

Remarks: Copies of the vacancy announcement must be requested through USA Jobs. Review the announcement and contact agency for KSA's and/or for additional information.

Position: Public Utilities Specialist, GS-1130-12

ANNC#: BOR-MP-00-71

Close: April 28

Location: Sacramento, CA

Agency: Bureau of Reclamation

POC: Inga Hall (916) 978-5471

Remarks: See note.

Position: Contract Specialist, GS-1102-09/11

ANNC#: AN01204

Close: May 3

Location: McClellan AFB

Agency: Defense Commissary

POC: (757) 441-3355

Remarks: See note.

Position: Labor and Employee Relations Specialist, GS-233-12/13

ANNC#: FDA-02061

Close: Dec. 31

Location: Oakland, CA

Agency: Food & Drug Administration

POC: Terrence Ballard (301) 827-4033

Remarks: See note.

Position: Supply Technician, GS-2005-06/07

ANNC#: BOR-MP-00-68

Close: April 24

Location: Fresno, Ca

Agency: Bureau of Reclamation

POC: Inga Hall (916) 978-5471

Remarks: See note.

Federal job fair

The FOCUS Center is sponsoring a Federal Government Job Fair, Wednesday, 1 - 4 p.m. in the base Community Center, Bldg. 1425. For additional information, call Greg Eason at 643-5661.

NOTE: Administrative leave **IS AUTHORIZED** for this function.

Greenborder announcement

Tinker Air Force Base Operating Location is opening a Greenborder Announcement for an Equipment Specialist (Electronics), GS-1670-12. This announcement is open through Saturday. Only career, career conditional and Veterans Reappointment Authority employees working on and serviced by McClellan Air Force Base are eligible to apply. Selection of employees will require a signed Relocation and Mobility Agreement. AFLC Form 4999 may be picked up in the FOCUS Center or at the reception desk in Bldg. 10.

Federal wage system regular/special production facilitating wage rate schedules for the Sacramento wage area as of April 4

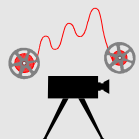
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Movies



Movies start at 7 p.m., unless otherwise noted, in Bldg. 1417. Movies are subject to change.

The Whole Nine Yards - Friday

Starring: Bruce Willis, Mathew Perry

Nicholas is a nice dentist living in suburban Montreal. His new neighbor, Jimmy "The Tulip," is a hit man hiding out from a Chicago crime family. Despite their differences, Oz and Jimmy have one thing in common: someone's trying to kill them both. (R - *Some sexuality, nudity and violence*)

The Tigger Movie - Saturday, 4 and 7 p.m.

Starring: Animated

When Tigger has no one to play with, he goes on a search for his family tree. His friends, Winnie the Pooh, Eeyore, Kanga, Roo and Piglet, try to make him feel better by disguising themselves as tiggers, but he discovers their ruse and continues his quest, getting lost in a snowstorm. (G)

Down to You - Saturday

Starring: Freddie Prince, Jr., Julia Stiles

A romantic and comedic tale of Al Connelly (Freddie Prince, Jr.) and Imogen (Julie Stiles), a young couple whose passionate romance takes them for a ride down the all-too-powerful path of first love. (PG-13 - *sexual content, language, drug and alcohol use*)

Youth Center

■ **Today:** Open recreation, 2-6 p.m.; open gym, 2-3 p.m.; open snack bar, 2-5 p.m.; advanced gymnastics, 3:15-4:15 p.m.; Tae Bo Aerobics, 6:15-7:15 p.m., ages 11 and up, free. Moms, Pops, and Tots, 10-11 a.m.

■ **Friday:** Open recreation, 2-6 p.m.; open snack bar 2-6 p.m.; open gym, 2-6 p.m.

■ **Saturday:** Open recreation and snack bar from noon to 5 p.m. Art Club meets at noon. Easter Egg hunt, ages 3-12, 10 a.m.

■ **Sunday:** Closed

■ **Monday:** Open recreation and gym, 2-6 p.m.; open snack bar, 2-5 p.m.

■ **Tuesday:** Open recreation, 2-6 p.m.; open gym, 4:15-6 p.m.; open snack bar, 2-5 p.m.; beginning gymnastics, 3:15-4:15 p.m.

■ **Wednesday:** Open recreation, 2-6 p.m.; open gym, 2-5:15 p.m.; open snack bar, 2-5 p.m.; beginning dance lessons, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Office hours are Monday-Friday, noon to 6 p.m.

Events are subject to change without notice, however, the youth center makes every effort to have advertised activities available.



U.S. Air Force photo by Robin Jackson

Youth of the Year

Hanna Smoot, daughter of Tech. Sgt. Terry and Elizabeth Smoot, was selected as Youth of the Year at the McClellan Air Force Base Boys and Girls Club. She is now in competition with other Boys and Girls Club winners for regional and national recognition. Her packet is being forwarded to Air Force Materiel Command and Air Force for Youth of the Year

competition. Smoot is 16 years old and attends Center High School in Antelope, Calif. "She has been a valued member of the Boys and Girls Club the past two years by volunteering her services for different events, setting a good example for the other youth, and belonging to our art and photography clubs," said Karen Sanders, McClellan Youth Center director. As a photography club member, she has received recognition by winning a base competition with her photo being forwarded to AFMC competition. Smoot's photo was selected as runner-up and forwarded to Air Force where she received 2nd place. She also has a photo entered in the Boys and Girls Club competition. Smoot is a two-year member of Students Reaching Out at Center High School. She hopes to become a veterinarian with a minor in photography. Smoot will be missed by the Youth Center staff when her family is reassigned to Hill AFB this summer, said Sanders.

RETIREE CORNER

Prescription service

Contrary to rumor, the McClellan Pharmacy will remain open until Sept. 29. Refills will be cut off as of Sept. 18. Keep these dates handy to avoid get shorted on any prescriptions filled. The mail order pharmacy is another good option.

For more information on how to get a prescription filled Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., call 643-2207.

Non Appropriated Funds Sale

Non Appropriated Funds is selling items for a reasonable price. Items such as TVs, chairs, sofas, boats, and more. The sale is conducted the first Wednesday of the month in Bldg. 263F. The first sale was April 5 and the next one is scheduled for May 3, 10 a.m. in Bldg. 263F, across from the old commissary. If you need further information, call the Services Division at 643-6660.

55 Alive driving course

The next 55 Alive Defensive Driving Course is set for April 27 and 28, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day at the Chapel Annex. The price of the course

is \$10 per person.

For more information, call 643-2207, Monday through Thursday. Keep in mind, your name will not be added to the list until payment is made.

Retirees handbook

The Armed Forces News brings up-to-date information on medical benefits. The handbook is specifically written for retirees and it is reader friendly. It applies primarily to Tricare beneficiaries. The cost is \$9.95 plus \$3 for shipping and handling. The book can be order directly from Web site: www.armedforcesnews.com Once you are on the home page, click publications on the top of the page. Or order by calling a 24-hour toll free line, (888) 333-9335.

For those of you with your own computers, try accessing the McClellan Home Page, which includes the information in this column through the Internet. The address is www.McClellan.af.mil/77ABW

(Compiled and submitted by retired Chief Master Sgt. George Moses, Retiree Affairs Office.)



Tech. Sgt. Henrik Poulsen (far left) and Airman Chris Wildrick mix it up with players from "Fair Warning" during the Jets' final game.



Tech. Sgt. Quintin Smith (left), 652nd Combat Logistics Support Squadron, goes for a flag. (Center photo) Staff Sgt. Shane Pratt, 77th Medical Group, bolts out of the pocket.



Staff Sgt. Clayton Greer (left), 652nd Combat Logistics Support Squadron, plows through a blocker.

Jets go downtown

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Sunday marked the end of the first off-base football season for the McClellan Air Force Base Jets. Chief Master Sgt. Ed Lewis, 652nd Combat Logistics Support Squadron, coached the Jets as they took on varsity teams from the North Highlands, Calif. area.

According to team members, it was definitely a season of lessons learned. The rules that govern play and behavior are very different from what the team has followed on base.

Lewis pointed out the difference

and how it affected the team's performance.

"At first, we were getting rolled over by teams pushing on our guys as they went down field. On base that's not allowed, but it's a different game out here," said Lewis. "Now we know better."

Though this was their first year in the off-base league, the Jets jumped into the varsity section and went through a baptism of fire. The season was tough, but the Jets' attitude and teamwork earned the respect of their opponents and the leagues' officials.

According to a North Highlands League referee, of all the teams out there, McClellan's heart and attitude was one of the best.

SWAP MEET

For Sale

Car -- 91 Mercury Grand Marquis LS, V8, pampered, exc cond, orig owner, all power, silver with Landeav top, \$5,200. Call 363-0889.

Motorcycle -- Nighthawk, 83 Honda 650, new battery, 31,822 miles, \$750. Call 966-3818 eves.

Baseball Cards -- 1950's, 60's and 70's - Hall of Famer's, 67 Seaver, 69 Ryan, 61 and 67 Mays, just to name a few. Most cards in exc cond. Selling below Beckett's suggested prices. Call Bill at 797-1422.

Wedding dress/Veil -- New wedding dress and veil, Size 11-12. No alterations done, off-white full length satin, pearl beads/diamond cut

sequence. Must see, will sacrifice at \$250. Call 339-3239 eves.

Miscellaneous

Moving sale -- Furniture and household items. Full size solid Pine bed frame, 4 and 5 drawer dresser, cedar chest, tables, lamps, microwave stand, desk chair. PCS move-must sell. Call 331-8139.

Editor's note: Swap ads are a free, space-available-only service for military members, civil service employees, retirees and associated family members possessing current ID cards. The ads must be for the personal use of the card holder.

Only a home phone or address may be used in the ad; no base extensions or base e-mail addresses are allowed, except for dormitory residents (residential status must be stated on

ad). Personal e-mail addresses will be accepted. Drop off ads at Bldg. 200, room 125. Swap ads will not be published without a signature.

The deadline is noon, Wednesday for possible publication in the following Thursday's issue. Only one Swap ad per household per week, up to 50 words, may be submitted.

However, the ad can apply to more than one category, such as items wanted/trade, vehicles, furniture and yard sales. Spacemaker reserves the right to edit. No ads for money-making businesses, including daycare, or the sale of firearms or firearm accessories will be accepted. To run a swap ad again, it must be resubmitted. For more information, call the Spacemaker at 643-6100.